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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

JULY 2010

Red meat production in **Colorado** during July 2010 totaled 178.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from the 189.6 million pounds produced during the previous month but decreased less than 1 percent from the 178.8 million pounds produced during July 2009. Cattle kill during July was up 2 percent from the previous year to 213,300 head and the average live weight was slightly below 2009 at 1,290 pounds. Hog slaughter, at 700 head, was down 100 head from July 2009 and the average live weight increased 8 pounds to 254. Accumulated production for the first seven months of this year now totals 1.24 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 1.19 billion pounds produced during the same period last year.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 3.96 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in July 2009. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.9 million pounds, 1 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75,100 head, down 6 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, down 7 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 8 percent from July 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,400 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2009 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Red Meat Production, Colorado and United States

Area	July	June	July	January-July	
And Species	2009	2010	2010	2009	2010
	Million Pounds				
Colorado	178.8	189.6	178.3	1,190.9	1,235.4
United States	4,124.5	4,177.0	3,956.4	28,430.2	27,813.5
Beef	2,271.2	2,230.7	2,230.4	15,121.0	15,029.9
Veal	10.9	10.8	10.9	79.0	77.4
Pork	1,828.5	1,831.5	1,702.3	13,132.1	12,611.0
Lamb & Mutton	13.9	14.1	12.8	98.1	95.2

CATTLE ON FEED

AUGUST 20, 2010

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in **Colorado** feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 890,000 head as of August 1, 2010. The latest inventory was up 5 percent from last year's inventory but down 3 percent from the July 1, 2010 inventory of 920,000 head. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during July 2010. This represents a 3 percent decrease from last month's marketings and an 8 percent decrease from the marketings a year ago. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July, up 12 percent from last month and last year. Of the number placed in July, 11 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 14 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 46 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July was at 5,000 head, the same as last month and last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.9 million head on August 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 6 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.90 million, 2 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 48,000 during July, 12 percent above 2009.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots
July 1 to August 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 head			
On Feed July 1	910	920	9,752	10,070
Placements During July	125	140	1,863	1,754
< 600 pounds	15	15	455	415
600 - 699 Pounds	15	20	365	305
700 - 799 Pounds	35	40	458	449
800 Plus Pounds	60	65	585	585
Marketings During July	180	165	1,935	1,903
Other Disap. During July	5	5	43	48
On Feed August 1	850	890	9,637	9,873

**CHICKENS AND EGG PRODUCTION
JULY 2010**

Colorado laying flocks produced 90 million eggs during July 2010, down 1 percent from July 2009. The total number of all layers averaged 3.59 million during July this year, up 1 slightly from 3.58 million in June of this year but down 1 percent from July 2009. The July 2010 egg production per 100 layers was 2,508, up 2 percent from 2,453 eggs per 100 layers in July 2009.

United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion during July 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.58 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 72 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2010 averaged 339 million, up 2 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,270 eggs, down slightly from July 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2010 totaled 338 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.95 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2010, averaged 73.2 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from August 1, 2009.

**MUSHROOMS
2009-2010**

Sales of the 2009-2010 **United States** mushroom crop are 793 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Value of sales for the 2009-2010 United States mushroom crop is \$925 million dollars, down 4 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 312, is up 23 from last season. The average price of \$1.17 per pound was unchanged from 2008-2009.

**Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms Combined:
Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price Per lb., and
Value of Sales, July 1, 2007- June 30, 2010**

Year	Growers <u>1/</u>	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price Per Pound <u>2/</u>	Value of Sales
	Number	1,000 Lbs.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2007-08	279	812,604	1.180	962,756
2008-09	289	819,775	1.170	958,896
2009-10	312	793,192	1.170	924,860

1/ Number of growers counted once if growing both Agaricus and specialty mushrooms.
2/ Average price received at the point of first sale, weighted by each method of sale.

Agaricus Mushrooms

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 778 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Pennsylvania accounted for 64 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$886 million dollars, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 120 million pounds, up 8 percent from last season. Brown mushrooms accounted for 15 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold. The brown mushroom crop value of sales for the 2009-2010 season is \$168 million dollars, 19 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The total number of Agaricus growers in the U.S., at 112, is five less growers than last season. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 69 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 540 million pounds. The total number of Agaricus growers in the U.S., at 112, is five less growers than last season. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 69 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 540 million pounds. The growing area is 27.6 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the previous season. Total fillings are 131 million square feet, down 3 percent from last season. Yields averaged 5.96 pounds per square foot, down slightly from last season. Producers received an average return of \$6.78 per square foot, up 1 cent from last season. U.S. fresh market production of Agaricus mushrooms is at 671 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 107 million pounds, is 13 percent below the previous season. Growers reported U.S. fresh market production at 86 percent of total sales volume with processed production making up the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2010-2011 crop are 127 million square feet, 2 percent less than the total fillings in the 2009-2010 season. The 62 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 351 million pounds, of Agaricus mushrooms, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season. The growing area in Chester County was 11.5 million square feet, down 2 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season. Total fillings were 53.5 million square feet, down 4 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season.

SPECIALTY MUSHROOMS

Volume of sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 6.32 million pounds for the 2009-2010 season, down 33 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.75 per pound, is down 44 cents from 2008-2009. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 5.78 million pounds, is up 14 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.55 per pound, is up 9 cents from the previous season. Volume of sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, is 3.17 million pounds, up 1.81 million pounds from last season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.18 per pound, is down \$1.96 from 2008-2009.

August 2009. The August all milk price of \$16.60 per cwt is up 60 cents from last month and up \$4.50 from August 2009.

Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States

Index	2009		2010	
	July	August	July	August
1990-92 = 100				
	Percent			
Prices Received	130	126	142	145
Prices Paid	178	177	182	182
Ratio 1/	73	71	78	80

1/Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

AUGUST 15, 2010

The preliminary **All Farm Products Index of Prices Received** by Farmers in August, at 145 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 5 points (3.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, milk, and cattle and lower prices for broilers, lettuce, onions, and cantaloupes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, strawberries, and milk. All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (17 percent) from August 2006. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 19 points (15 percent) from August 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (17 percent) from August 2009.

The **August All Crop Index** is 155, up 3.3 percent from July and 6.2 percent above August 2009. The August all wheat price, at \$5.56 per bushel, is up \$1.06 from July and 71 cents above August 2009. The corn price, \$3.65 per bushel, is up 16 cents from last month and 32 cents above August 2009. The all hay price, at \$111 per ton, is down \$1.00 from July but up \$7.00 from last August. The soybean price, at \$10.10 per bushel, increased 31 cents from July but is 70 cents below August 2009. The all potato price, at \$9.16 per cwt, is up 33 cents from July but down 45 cents from last August. The all dry bean price, at \$27.50 per cwt, is up \$1.60 from the previous month but \$4.50 below August 2009.

The August **Livestock and Products Index**, 133, is 0.8 percent above last month and up 22 percent from August 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for milk, cattle, hogs, broilers, turkeys, calves, and eggs. The August hog price, at \$61.30 per cwt, is up \$2.80 from July and \$24.00 higher than a year ago. The August beef cattle price of \$93.20 per cwt is up \$1.60 from last month and \$12.80 higher than

Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		August 2009	July 2010	August 2010
Crops				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	4.64	4.34	5.43
Barley	Bu.	5.32	4.22	2/
Corn	Bu.	3.62	3.48	3.63
Potatoes	Cwt	8.10	7.90	7.95
Dry edible beans	Cwt	31.30	30.30	24.50
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	135.00	125.00	125.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	125.00	120.00	115.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	89.70	100.00	102.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt	90.50	101.00	103.00
Cows	Cwt	48.00	64.00	64.00
Calves	Cwt	114.00	126.00	128.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.00	50.00	4/
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	123.00	4/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	12.00	15.90	16.50
United States				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	4.85	4.50	5.56
Corn	Bu.	3.33	3.49	3.65
Soybeans	Bu.	10.80	9.79	10.10
Barley (All)	Bu.	5.17	3.75	3.56
Barley (Feed)	Bu.	2.49	2.50	2.71
Sorghum	Cwt	5.37	5.97	6.28
Potatoes	Cwt	9.61	8.83	9.16
Dry edible beans	Cwt	32.00	25.90	27.50
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	109.00	117.00	116.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	94.40	97.30	96.10
Onions	Cwt	8.56	21.40	11.50
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle	Cwt	80.40	91.60	93.20
Steers & heifers	Cwt	85.10	95.90	97.70
Cows	Cwt	45.50	59.00	58.20
Calves	Cwt	108.00	120.00	120.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.30	43.80	4/
Lambs	Cwt	97.10	123.00	4/
Hogs	Cwt	37.30	58.50	61.30
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	12.10	16.00	16.60
Broilers	Lb.	0.430	0.510	0.480

1/Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments.

2/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 3/ Not Published. 4/Mid-month price not estimated

Colorado commodity prices for Mid-August averaged higher than the previous month except for dry edible beans and other hay (baled). Livestock prices averaged higher except for cows which remained unchanged at \$64.00. Wheat, at \$5.43 per bushel increased \$1.09 from the previous month and was \$1.31 higher than a year ago. Corn increased 15 cents from July to \$3.63 per bushel and was one cent higher than August 2009. Alfalfa hay prices, at \$125.00 per cwt, remained unchanged from last month and \$10.00 below August 2009. Other hay decreased \$5.00 from last month to \$115.00 and was \$10.00 below a year ago. Steers and Heifers, at \$103.00 per cwt, increased \$2.00 from last July and averaged \$12.50 higher August 2009. Cows remained unchanged from July at \$64.00 per cwt but were \$16.00 above a year ago. Calves, at \$128.00 per cwt, increased \$2.00 from July of this year but were \$14.00 above August 2009.

**COLD STORAGE
JULY 31, 2010**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs and cheese. Butter stocks were up 1 percent from last month but down 24 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 20 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 28 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 38 percent from last month and down 64 percent from last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2010 were up slightly from the previous month but down 11 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 1 percent from the previous month but down 1 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 1 percent from last month and down 22 percent from July 31, 2009.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	July 31, 2009	June 30, 2010	July 31, 2010
1,000 Pounds			
Butter.....	262,782	197,601	199,634
Cheese, total natural	1,000,171	1,025,274	1,048,767
Eggs, frozen	22,578	25,010	24,846
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,328,751	1,174,605	1,179,859
Chicken	681,409	663,288	672,786
Turkey	641,060	507,174	502,014
Fruits, frozen	1,154,271	921,054	1,113,204
Fruit Juices, frozen	1,707,404	1,661,401	1,530,782
Vegetables, total frozen	1,832,188	1,664,876	1,809,072
Potatoes, total frozen	1,187,530	1,141,946	1,045,832
Meats, total red.....	1,014,695	816,100	808,151
Beef, total frozen	444,807	374,223	388,327
Pork, total frozen	539,700	412,983	391,252

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Internet at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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